Rama Varmha Tampuran.— The number is given there.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—No, not of those referred to.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not got any more information.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Were those files disposed of since?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There may be a few files, for example, the survey disputes, boundary disputes, etc. There have been files like that which have been pending for 12 or 13 years. I do not think that all the files that have been pending from the time of Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon have been completely closed still.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Am I to understand that all the files that could be disposed of were disposed of before the leaving from service of the last Diwan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Registrar of Panchayats.

450. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the special qualifications, if any, of the newly appointed Registrar of Village Panchayats, to be appointed for that post;

(2) were there not seniors to him in service and pay fit to be appointed for the post even in the Huzur Office ;

(3) has the Government received any applications from persons in service and outside service;

(4) if so, who all have applied ;

(5) is it a fact that the Government on a former occasion has stated that the present appointee should not be given any independent charge;

(6) if so, what is the order and what led to it;

(7) does not the present Superintendent of Agriculture retire from service in Dhanu 1107, *i. e.*, ten months hence ;

(8) if on his retirement the pay of the Registrar of Village Panchayats is to be Rs. 250—300, what does the Government mean by appointing the new Registrar on Rs. 150—10—250;

(9) under the Proceedings of Government published on page 462 of the Government Gazette dated 23rd Kumbham 1106, will not the new Registrar of Panchayats be entitled to draw, on the retirement of Mr. Raman Menon, Rs. 250 which he would ordinarily be entitled to draw only 10 years hence?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) M. A. (Hons.), Revenue, Account, Forest and Education Tests.

(2) Yes, there was one, but he was on other duty.

(3) Only after the appointment was made.

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(4) 1. Mr. M. Sankara Menon, Mycologist, Agriculture Department.
2. Mr. G. Krishna Ayyar, Ag. Tahsildar, Talappalli.
(5) No.
(6) The question does not arise.
(7) Yes.
(8) Economy.
(9) He will be entitled to draw Rs. 250 on the retirement of Mr. Raman Menon. When he would have drawn this pay had he not been appointed as Registrar would necessarily have depended upon the date on which he was appointed to some other post carrying that rate of pay.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I asked for the special qualifications, if any, of the candidate to be appointed to this post. His general qualifications are given.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These were the qualifications that the officer possessed.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What I asked for was the special qualification, if any, of the newly appointed Registrar of Panchayats.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Account Test, Forest Test, Education Test these are all the special qualifications.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—For this post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For any post.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—That is not the purport of the question. His special qualifications to be appointed to that post.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no special qualification necessary for the post, no special qualification prescribed for the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(2). May I know the name of the person?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Parameswara Menon, the acting Sub Magistrate.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(5) Is there a file in the Huzur Office about the appointment of the Headmaster of the Ollur school?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is a file.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Has the Government any objection to place that file before the Diwan-President?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is a novel question. It is not to place it before the Council. Government want notice.

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